

REPLY TO CONGRESS' REBUKE'S PUSHED

White House Force at Work Compiling Data on Secret Service.

WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER THE RECESS

President Will Not Deal With Personal Matters Involving National Legislators.

President Roosevelt's reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives, demanding the specific reasons governing his utterances in his annual message of Congress, will be ready for Congress as soon as it reassembles after the holiday recess.

As soon as the certified copy of the resolution reached the executive office today, a force of clerks was put to work on tabulating the information in the Government's possession.

Although the President has not intimated to his callers today the exact scope of his reply, he has made clear that he "will produce the goods" he has already announced in his possession, showing the necessity of permitting the use of the Secret Service in running down violations of law, whether they may be made by a member of Congress, by corporations, or individuals directed against the Government.

What He Knows.
The President has at no time pretended that he had knowledge of any criminal action on the part of any present member of Congress and it is understood that he considers that portion of the House resolution calling on him for information as to whether he had begun any suits or contemplated bringing criminal action against Congressmen as corroborative in itself of expressing fears that he might have such information.

It is understood that the President will, in his reply, treat the subject from a high plane and that he will scorn to touch upon the subject of any peccadillo of individual Congressmen.

Will Send Details.
Unless he changes his mind he will send to Congress a detailed report of every case of members of Congress in which the Secret Service has been used, and the justification for such services.

The President preserves his good humor and gives his callers no indication that he recognizes in the Congressional debates any rebuke for his consideration that Congress has failed to recognize the important services the Secret Service has performed or that it has been guided by unwise counsel.

Senate Will Resent Espionage System

It is the intention of the Senate, before the end of the present Congress, according to a declaration made today by one of its prominent members, to put a complete stop to the system of espionage that has been maintained over persons in public life through officers of the Secret Service.

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TESTS OF FIREARMS BARRED FROM COURT

Justice Crane Refuses to Permit Attorneys for T. Jenkins Hains to Demonstrate Action of Automatic Pistol With Which Captain Killed Annis.

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used by the prosecution had been placed for safe keeping. The two revolvers used by the Hains brothers at the time of the shooting, and Annis' blood stained clothing, were locked up after the tragedy. Since then the box has not been opened and the district attorney discovered today that he could not open it.

When court reconvened today Frederick Storm, the Bay State real estate dealer, an eyewitness of the killing, was called to the stand by the defense for cross-examination.

To the question of McIntyre, of counsel for the defense, "Did you know anything about the moral character of William E. Annis?" the district attorney interposed a sharp objection and was upheld by Justice Crane, who again ruled that he would not permit any questioning along this line.

Storm swore he was not a participant in the action of the Bayside Yacht Club when it retained Attorney Dayton as special counsel to aid the district attorney in prosecuting the Hains brothers. McIntyre, however, brought out the fact that one of the district attorney's staff had acted as Storm's counsel since the shooting, but that he could not remember his name.

The Missing Witness.
Storm was questioned at great length about John Tinning, the missing witness, but strenuously denied knowing where he is.

While the cross-examination was exhaustive little of importance resulted. He was not a witness to the shooting, and the big sensation of his testimony was the declaration that he heard T. Jenkins Hains say, as the latter and Captain Hains were being taken from the scene of the shooting: "If he did to me what he's done to him, I would have shot him too."

This was stricken out by order of the court. Herbert F. L. Funke, who followed Storm, testified that he was accosted by Hains as he ran down the runway just before the shooting. Hains wanted to know where Annis was, he said. "I stopped and pointed out the yacht."

PREPARE TO PROBE AFFAIRS OF STREET

Members of Commission Appointed by Hughes to Meet Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The special committee appointed by Governor Hughes to inquire into the methods of Wall street brokers represented in the several exchanges will meet today for the purpose of perfecting permanent organization. At the same session decision will be made regarding the policy of publicity during the deliberations of the body.

The consensus of opinion in Wall street is that all sessions of the committee will be of a private nature and that a complete stop to the system of espionage that has been maintained over persons in public life through officers of the Secret Service.

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Tells of Murder.

"As the bowprit of the boat crossed the southern end of the float Burchfield grasped it to stop the momentum. I saw a man whom I later learned to be Peter C. Hains, standing with his arms folded, five feet from the edge of the float. He was gazing intently at the Annis boat. I suddenly saw Peter C. Hains place his hand on the boom. I saw him with a revolver in his right hand. He pointed it and I heard him say 'Annis.' Then came a shot."

"With the firing of the first shot I saw blood on Annis' right side above the hip. I got up and started toward the captain's cabin. I did so I saw the defendant with a revolver pointed at me, standing three feet from the captain. His pistol was aimed directly at me."

"Did Thornton Hains say anything to you?"
"Not that I remember."

Mrs. Claudia Hains Expects To Be Called As A Witness

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—In a statement made here today Mrs. Claudia Libby Hains said that she expected to be called upon to testify at the trial of T. Jenkins Hains and that she would probably tell every detail of the tragedy.

This means that Mrs. Hains will tell of her acquaintance with William E. Annis during the time her husband, Capt. Peter C. Hains, was in the Philippines and also of the confession she made to her father-in-law, General Hains.

"I feel very deeply for Mrs. Annis," said Mrs. Hains. "I feel very sorry for her. She is in a hard position, poor woman, husbandless and her little ones left to her. I feel that if I could do anything to help her, I would do it."

Robert Frothingham, advertising manager of Everybody's, declared that advertising was insurance against the future. Other speakers were William A. Prendergast, Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades, and Charles E. Meek.

NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMES HIS AIDES

Officers Are Moved Up a Peg. A. J. Sullivan Deputy Engineer.

EVERY BAR IN TEXAS MUST CLOSE SUNDAY

Governor Says Law Will Be Enforced—First Time in State.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—Governor Campbell makes the announcement that every saloon in Texas will be closed next Sunday for the first time in the history of the State. He declares that the few counties and cities where the State officers were derelict in enforcing the Baskin-McGregor liquor law have been heard from, and they will obey the edict.

Died

BENSON—On Thursday, December 17, 1908, at 4 o'clock, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Benson, formerly of Talbot county, Md.

BROWN—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 15, 1908, GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., beloved son of George W. and Sarah H. Brown (nee Denney), aged four years.

BRUCE—On Thursday, December 17, 1908, at 8:30 p. m., at his residence, 28 New York avenue northeast, JAMES RAY, son of J. F. and Lucy R. Bruce.

DE LACY—On December 17, 1908, at 2:30 a. m., FRANCES CLARE DE LACY, infant daughter of Wm. H. and Katharine M. De Lacy.

EBERLY—Suddenly, on Thursday, December 17, 1908, DANIEL C., beloved husband of Rosa A. Eberly, aged thirty-five years.

KING—On Wednesday morning, December 16, 1908, WM. DAWSON KING.

MURPHY—On Friday, December 18, 1908, at 12:04 p. m., MARY F. MURPHY, beloved daughter of James F. and Mary A. Murphy, at 30 K Street northeast.

MURRAY—On Wednesday evening, December 16, 1908, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Benson, formerly of Talbot county, Md.

SMITH—On Thursday, December 17, 1908, JAMES BERRIE SMITH, husband of Clara Magge Smith.

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Deaths.

Ida T. Tate, 24 years, 1319 Thirty-fifth street northwest.

Henry Stark, 42 years, 3229 Prospect avenue northwest.

Horace A. Mangum, 44 years, 1016 North Carolina avenue southeast.

William D. King, 34 years, 152 Jackson street, Anacostia.

Lillie M. Jones, 28 years, 30 Bates street.

Joseph K. Saunders, 2 months, 1834 Eighth street northwest.

Robert de Baer, 7 days, 1409 G street southeast.

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STORM KING RULES GREATER NEW YORK

Sleet and Fog Tie Up Traffic and Gotham Is Late to Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—As a result of one of the worst storms of the season every transportation line in Greater New York was tied up today, and thousands of persons reached their places of business late.

The elevated lines suffered the most because the third rails were crusted with sleet, and it was almost impossible to run the trains.

The subway, too, was crippled, particularly on the Lenox avenue division, where trouble occurred on the elevated structure.

In Brooklyn thousands who ordinarily take the bridge lines for Manhattan swarmed down into the subway, and scenes bordering on rioting took place. It was impossible to board the subway trains after they had left the Atlantic avenue station, but still the crowds fought and struggled in the other stations in the hope that the traffic would clear.

All of the surface lines were seriously affected, and the cars crept along at less than half schedule.

River traffic was also seriously hampered by the storm and heavy fog. Ferries made no attempt to run on the Hudson, and the ferries that did run experienced the most delay.

INITIAL CREDIT MAN

WAS JOHN D. SHYLOCK

So Says Banqueter, Adding That He Was a "Show Me"

Missourian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"The first credit man," said Robert H. Davis, editor of Munsey's, at the annual dinner of the New York Credit Men's Association, at the Aikwright Club last night, "came from Missouri. His name was John D. Shylock, his motto, 'Show Me'."

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Boxes of Stationery make pleasing gifts. We are showing an unlimited assortment of Fine Stationery packed in fancy boxes. This paper has been carefully selected, and we guarantee the quality.

Hundreds of other gift suggestions in Art Calendars, Brass and Leather, await your inspection.

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\$26.50 Overcoats...\$13.25
\$25.00 Overcoats...\$12.50
\$20.00 Overcoats...\$10.00
\$16.00 Overcoats...\$8.00
\$15.00 Overcoats...\$7.50
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We have added 200 Men's Suits to this sale to go at Half Price.

\$35.50 Suits...\$17.75
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\$25.00 Suits...\$12.50
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\$12.00 Suits...\$6.00
\$10.00 Suits...\$5.00
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14 to 20-year sizes. Just cut the marked price in half for choice.

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Every one bears Priestley stamp—at half price.

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Men's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas; sterling silver trim—\$1.49

Men's Fancy Silk Suspender sets, in novelty boxes—50¢

Holiday Suspender sets, novelty boxed—25¢

Men's Combination Sets, including Tie and Suspenders to match; made of pure silk—\$1.89

Men's Dogskin Walk—\$1.00

Men's Combination Sets, including Suspenders, Arm Bands, and Garters to match. \$1.50

Auto Gauntlet Gloves—\$1.49

Men's Cardigan Jackets, single and double-breasted—\$1.89

Men's Coat Sweaters, in combination colors; \$2.98

CANNON MEN TRYING TO BOSS NEW RULES

Friends of Speaker Hope to Control All Revision in the House Procedure—Will Make Some Changes in Answer to Popular Demand.

House Republican insurgents who are bent on making marked changes in the rules, are fearful lest their plans be beaten by adroit strategy on the part of the conservatives.

They have been casting about a good deal to find out what is likely to be the outcome of the fight for modified rules, and in the case of at least some of the conservatives, the situation is not exactly to their liking.

It has been patent from the outset of the agitation for change in the rules that Speaker Cannon and the principal House leaders are not in favor of the modification of the rules. But the agitation has become so strong and the public sentiment that has been aroused seems to be so pronounced that some of the conservatives feel it would be unwise to organize the next House without making some alterations in the rules.

The question that confronts the conservatives, therefore, is, if the rules are to be modified, how to change them as little as possible. At least, this is the belief in insurgent quarters.

It is feared by some of those anxious for real overhauling of the rules that the movement to change the rules is going to be taken out of the hands of the Speaker and the conservatives and stirred up by an insurgent, that Speaker Cannon's friends will put themselves at the head of the movement and thus the insurgents will be outflanked and outgeneraled. It is feared further that changes in the rules will be effected by this plan of operations, but that they will not go to the real root of the evils which are caused by the existing arbitrary rules.

Power Is Safe.
For instance, it is not to be expected that any changes that the friends of Mr. Cannon engineer will in any way curtail his power to appoint committees. It is the feeling of most of the insurgents that so long as the Speaker has this tremendous power in his hands, efforts to hedge him round with restrictions will be largely in vain. He will still hold a sway over the House that in critical times is almost absolute. If he is allowed to make the committees as he sees fit.

One suggestion is that the conservatives will carry modification of the rules only to the point of requiring frequent call of the committees. This would not go far enough to satisfy the insurgents. Another suggestion is that it shall be something like the Republican Steering Committee of the Senate in that it will be drawn from every section of the country.

But insurgents point out that while there is doubtless merit in this idea, yet it does not go far enough to amount to a real revolution in the existing situation with respect to House procedure.

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Clever Work Done.
Just now some clever work is being done by the friends of the Speaker with respect to the new members of Congress, those who will be in the next House and are coming to Washington this winter to look around and get acquainted. The friends of the Speaker are taking hold of these new men when they get to town and are, it is alleged, seeing to it that they attach themselves to Speaker Cannon and his friends, and those of the conservatives rather than the insurgents.

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